

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and  
Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)  
2010/2011 Proposal Review - Public Hearing #1  
Occurring at a Special Meeting of the Housing Advisory Board

5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, February 18, 2010  
City Council Chambers, Upper Level  
57 E. First St., Mesa, Arizona

MEETING/HEARING MINUTES

- I. **Introduction:** Carolyn Olson, Housing and Revitalization Director, provided the introductory comments to Public Hearing #1. All attendees were encouraged to sign the sign-in sheet. The Housing Advisory Board (HAB) members introduced themselves. The following Board and staff members were in attendance:

**Board Members**

Ms. Diana Yazzie Devine (late)  
Mr. Christian Karas, Vice Chair  
Ms. Heather Kay  
Ms. Siri Amrit Kaur Khalsa  
Mr. Thomas Mace  
Mr. David Ricks  
Mr. Steve Schild (absent – excused)  
Mr. Marv Turley  
Mr. Jon Scott Williams, Chair

**Staff Members**

Ms. Carolyn Olson  
Mr. Scott Clapp  
Ms. Ernestine Tesarek  
Ms. Constance Bachman  
Mr. Ray Villa

- II. **Review of Requests:** All applicants were invited to deliver a five minute presentation regarding each CDBG/HOME/ESG FY 2010/2011 proposal. A summary of each presentation/request is as follows:

**A. CDBG – Code Enforcement / Slum Blight:**

1. COM, Development Services, *Code Enforcement Program*. Presentation by Tammy Albright, Assistant Director – Funding sought for 6 FTE Code Compliance officers to work in CDBG eligible areas. Total request: \$489,433.
2. COM, Development Services, *Demolition and Hazardous Abatement*. Presentation by Tammy Albright, Assistant Director – Funding sought for the demolition of 3 dangerous structures and the abatement of 30 hazardous/unhealthful code violations. Total request: \$40,000.
3. COM, Neighborhood Outreach Division, *Community Engagement Program*. Presentation by Ray Villa, Neighborhood Services Director – Funding sought for 1 FTE Neighborhood  
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Outreach Coordinator to engage neighborhood to address slum/blight issues within their neighborhoods. Total request \$122,808.

4. West Mesa CDC, *Community Compliance Program*. Presentation by Jo Ellen McNamara – Funding sought for 1 FTE Community Compliance Specialist to provide code compliance/technical assistance to low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. Total request: \$30,000.

### B. CDBG – Economic Development:

5. COM, Economic Development, *Destination Mesa Coordinator*. Applicant did not make a presentation. Funding sought for 1 FTE (Mesa Destination Coordinator) to create/retain jobs for low-moderate income Mesa residents. Total request: \$115,000.
6. COM, Economic Development, *Sprinkler Cost Assistance Program*. Applicant did not make a presentation. Funding sought to provide assistance to eligible businesses for installation of fire sprinklers in 10 buildings within the Pedestrian Overlay area in downtown Mesa. Total request: \$100,000.
7. Maricopa Community College District Small Business Development Center (MS3SBDC) – *Mesa Minority/Micro Small Business Development Center*. Presentation made by Luis Reynoso – Funding sought to provide counseling, technical assistance, and training programs to minority- and women-owned businesses within the City of Mesa. Total request: \$74,481.
8. Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO) – *Business Development Program*. Presentation by Terri Benelli – Funding sought for operations of Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and Executive Director's salary to provide business loans and technical assistance for Mesa businesses. Total request: \$81,500.
9. Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO) – *Business Development Loan Program*. Presentation by Terri Benelli Funding to provide revolving loan fund for 5 downtown Mesa businesses. Total request: \$225,000.
10. West Mesa Community Development Corporation – *Economic Development Program*. Presentation by Jo Ellen McNamara – Funding for operations for Community Development Corporation (CDC) and Executive Director's Salary to provide technical assistance. Total request: \$90,000.

### C. CDBG – Housing Needs:

11. A & A Cottages, Inc., – *EMPOWER Caballero House*. Presentation by Dorothy Corey – Funding sought to provide transitional housing for up to four homeless young women and their children and not for an 8-plex apartment as incorrectly listed on the meeting Agenda. Total request: \$170,000.
12. Arizona Bridge to Independent Living – *The Mesa Home Accessibility Program*. Presentation by Darrell Christenson – Funding sought for accessibility modifications for 22 low-moderate income tenants with disabilities. Total request: \$82,728.
13. COM, Housing and Revitalization – *Homeowner Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program*. Presentation by Ray Villa, Neighborhood Services Department Director – Funding sought for 20 major rehabs, 75 minor rehabs, and 3 major reconstruction projects. Total request: \$1,675,000.
14. COM, Housing and Revitalization Division – *Lead Based Paint Program*. Presentation by Ray Villa, Neighborhood Services Department Director – Funding sought for lead based paint testing, inspection, and abatement for 20 units of pre-1978 housing stock. Total request: \$50,000.
15. COM, Housing and Revitalization Division – *Homeowner Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program Project Delivery*. Presentation by Ray Villa, Neighborhood Services Department Director – Funding sought for project delivery costs for CDBG funded Housing Rehab programs. Total request: \$125,000.

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16. COM, Housing and Revitalization Division – *Rental Rehabilitation Program*. Presentation by Ray Villa, Neighborhood Services Department Director – Funding sought for 10 minor/emergency rehabs of rental housing units. Total request: \$125,000.
17. East Valley Adult Resources, Inc. – *Discovery Point Retirement Community*. Presentation made by Dan Taylor – Funding sought for Phase I of a 3 phase renovation which includes replacing the boilers and rehabilitation of the kitchen for 180 residents. Total request: \$377,743.
18. The House of El-Elyon – *Housing and Operations for Life Skills Program*. Applicant did not make a presentation – Funding sought for the acquisition of a 4-plex for housing and operations of a Life Skills program for 50 pregnant teens. Total request: \$500,000.
19. The Marc Center, Inc. – *The Village at Oasis Park Infrastructure Improvements*. Presentation made by Pat Gilbert – Funding sought for offsite infrastructure improvements and impact/permit fees for the Village at Oasis Park. Total request: \$473,765.

### D. CDBG – Public Service:

20. COM Arizona Museum of Natural History – *Road to Knowledge: After School! Program*. Applicant did not make a presentation – Funding sought to provide transportation and admission for 900 Title 1 school children for after school program. Total request: \$23,000.
21. COM Diversity Office – *Fair Housing Education and Outreach Initiative*: Applicant did not make a presentation – Funding sought for funding of a .25 FTE Diversity Office Director to focus on fair housing choice and address impediments to fair housing. Total request: \$42,000.
22. COM Housing and Revitalization Division – *FSS Supportive Services*: Applicant did not make a presentation – Funding to provide assistance to 15 Family Self Sufficiency participants to eliminate barriers to employment. Total request: \$1,875.
23. COM Housing and Revitalization Division – *Fair Housing Activities*. Applicant did not make a presentation – Funding for various activities to promote fair housing including a 2-day conference, developing educational materials and analyzing local housing impediments. Total request: \$15,000.
24. COM Parks and Recreation Department – *Washington Activity Center*. Presentation by Andrea Moore, Mesa Parks and Rec. – Funding sought for 1 FTE and 4 PTEs, 2 PT temps and program materials and supplies to operate neighborhood center and programs. Total request: \$211,729.
25. COM Parks and Recreation Department – *Webster Recreation Center*. Presentation by Andrea Moore, Mesa Parks and Rec. – Funding sought for fee assistance and scholarship funds for 750 after school program participants. Total request: \$10,000.
26. Community Legal Services – *The Mesa Tenants Rights Helpline*. Presentation by Sarah Youngblood – Funding sought to provide legal information (recorded and live advocacy) to Mesa residents to help them understand their landlord/tenant related legal rights and responsibilities. Total request: \$43,200.
27. Community Legal Services – *Removing Barriers to Justice*. Presentation by Sarah Youngblood – Funding sought to provide attorneys at no charge to resolve the civil legal problems of low-income Mesa residents. Total request \$49,477.

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28. East Valley Adult Resources, Inc. – *Assistance for Independent Living Volunteer Services Program*. Presentation by Dan Taylor – Funding sought to fund staff salaries and ERE for the Assistance for Independent Living Volunteer Services program. Total request: \$17,750.
29. House of Refuge, Inc. – *Employment and Education Service Program*. Presentation by Nancy Marion – Funding sought to provide employment, financial and educational services to 126 formerly homeless individuals. Total request: \$26180.
30. Housing Our Communities – *Homebuyer Education, Counseling, and Client Intake/Referral*. Presentation by John Smith – Funding sought to provide client assistance and individual

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housing counseling for 6,450 people to further and sustain affordable homeownership. Total request: \$75,475.

31. Labor's Community Service Agency – *Foreclosure Intervention Program*. Applicant did not make presentation – Funding sought to provide default counseling, advocacy (negotiations with lenders), and arrearage assistance for 400 low-income families that are behind on their mortgage payment schedule. Total request: \$35,000.
32. The Marc Center – *Advocates for the Disabled*. Presentation by Pat Gilbert – Funding sought for housing and economic security case management for 3,500 disabled residents. Total request: \$20,000.
33. Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation – *Downtown Events Promotion*: Presentation by Terry Benelli and John Richards. Funding sought to provide 36 events per year for downtown historic Mesa to offset the costs of city fees, road closures, and insurance and activities. Total request: \$60,000.
34. Southwest Fair Housing Council – *Full and Fair Access to Housing Opportunities*. Presentation by Shawna Tarboro – Funding sought to provide full and fair access to housing opportunities by providing education for 250 people which includes housing providers and consumers. Total request: \$15,000.
35. West Mesa Community Development Corporation – *Community Safety / Crime Prevention Program*. Presentation by JoEllen McNamara – Funding sought to fund salary of 1 FTE Community Safety Coordinator to work on a steady basis with the neighborhood. Total request: \$30,000.
36. A New Leaf – *MesaCAN Remodel*. Presentation by Michael Hughes – Funding sought for complete remodel of the second floor of the MesaCAN office buildings to increase capacity for client services in the community. Total request: \$724,499.
37. House of Refuge Inc. – *Solar Powered Attic Fans*. Presentation by Nancy Marion – Funding sought for solar powered attic fans for transitional living homes. Total request: \$93,900.

### E. CDBG – Program Administration / Project Delivery:

38. COM Housing and Revitalization Division – *CDBG Program Administration*. Applicant did not make a presentation – Funding to provide administration of CDBG program. Total request: \$497,933.
39. COM Housing and Revitalization Division – *CDBG Program Cost Overrun*. Applicant did not make a presentation – Funding to provide balance for cost overrun for CDBG projects. Total request: \$10,000.
40. COM City Attorney – *City Attorney Project Delivery*. Applicant did not make a presentation – Funding to provide project delivery costs for CDBG and HOME funded programs. Total request: \$104,650.

### F. HOME – Non Profit Agencies:

41. A & A Cottages, Inc. – *EMPOWER Apartments*. Presentation by Dorothy Corey. Funding to provide acquisition and rehab of one 8-plex apartment complex for affordable rental housing.
42. Accessible Space, Inc. – *New Construction of 18 Accessible Affordable Rental Units*. Presentation made by Dan Billmark. Funding to provide new construction of 18 accessible/affordable rental units. Total request: \$600,000.
43. ARM of Save the Family – *Affordable Rental Movement*: Applicant did not make a presentation. Funding to provide for the acquisition and rehab of 4 (3+ bedroom) homes for affordable rental housing. Total request: \$450,000.
44. ARM of Save the Family – *CHDO Operating*: Applicant did not make a presentation. Funding to provide for the operations/overhead for Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) agency. Total request \$50,000.

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45. Community Bridges, Inc. – *Center for Hope Transitional Housing*. Presentation by Karen Kurtz – Funding to provide the Center for Hope with affordable permanent supportive housing for program graduates. Total request: \$512,000.
46. Habitat for Humanity – *Acquisition and Clearance of 3 Lots for New Construction of Single Family Homes and 2 Lots for Acquisition/Rehab of Vacant Properties*. Presentation made by Roger Schwierjohn. Funding to provide for acquisition and clearance of 3 lots for new construction of single family homes and 2 lots for acquisition/rehab of vacant properties. Total request: \$385,000.
47. Housing Our Communities – *New Opportunities for Home Ownership Program*: Presentation made by John Smith, Director. Funding to provide first time homebuyer program for Mesa residents. Total request: \$600,000.
48. Housing Our Communities – *CHDO Operating*: Presentation made by John Smith, Director. Funding to provide for the operations/overhead for Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) agency. Total request: \$25,000.

### G. HOME – CHDO 15% Set-Aside:

49. ARM of Save the Family – *Affordable Rental Movement*: Applicant did not make a presentation. Funding sought to provide for the acquisition and rehab of 4 (3+ bedroom) homes for affordable rental housing. Total request: \$450,000.
50. Housing Our Communities – *New Opportunities for Homeownership Program*: Presentation made by John Smith, Director. Funding sought to provide first time homebuyer program for Mesa residents. Total request: \$200,000.

### H. HOME – City Departments:

51. COM, Housing and Revitalization Division – *HOME Administration*: Applicant did not make a presentation. Funding to provide funds to administer the HOME program as well as the security deposit grants and tenant based rental assistance. Total request: \$152,519.
52. COM, Housing and Revitalization Division – *Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)*. Applicant did not make a presentation. Funding to provide rental assistance to homeless families residing in qualified transitional housing program and security deposit grants for low-moderate income tenants. Total request: \$260,000.

### I. ESG – Non Profit Agencies:

53. A New Leaf – *Autumn House*. Presentation by Luz Bojorquez. Total request: \$37,223.
54. A New Leaf – *East Valley Men's Center*. Presentation by Luz Bojorquez. Funding to provide assistance for the operations of the East Valley Men's Center. Total request: \$77,074.
55. A New Leaf – *La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter*. Presentation by Luz Bojorquez. Funding to provide assistance for the operations of the La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter. Total request: \$30,258.

### J. ESG – City Departments:

56. COM Housing and Revitalization Division – *ESG Program Administration*: Applicant did not make a presentation. Total request: \$6,076.

## III. Public Comments:

**Annual Plan for FY 2010/2011:** Written comments on proposals may be submitted during the 30 day public comment period, tentatively scheduled to begin Wednesday, March 31, 2010 and end Friday, April 30, 2010.

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Please address comments to:

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#### IV. ADJOURN

With no other agenda items to be discussed, Chair Jon Scott Williams closed the public hearing and adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:22 p.m.

Approved and respectfully submitted,

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Jon Scott Williams, Chair

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010